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STATE PASS TO USAID FOR ANE AND GH
STATE PASS TO HHS/OGHA (STIEGER/VALDEZ/DMILLER/HICKEY)
CDC FOR OGHA (BLOUT/MCCALL) AND DIV-FLU (COX/MOHEN)
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA/AP (STERN)
HHS PASS TO FIC/NIH (GLASS)
USDA PASS TO APHIS, FAS (OSTA AND OCRA), FSIS
BANGKOK FOR RMO, CDC (MALISON), USAID (MACARTHUR/BRADY)
BEIJING FOR HHS HEALTH ATTACHE (ROSS)
PHNOM PENH FOR CDC INFLUENZA COORDINATOR (BRADY)
ROME FOR FAO
VIENTIANE FOR CDC INFLUENZA COORDINATOR (CORWIN)

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SUBJECT: AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATE - FIVE DUCKS DEAD: POSSIBLE ANIMAL
OUTBREAK IN THE SOUTH

REF: HANOI 1444

1. (SBU) After 21 days free of avian influenza, Government of Vietnam (GVN) sources in Hanoi and an official website report confirmed an October 10 outbreak of highly pathogenic H5N1 influenza A among ducks in Nhue Tu B village, Ham Giang commune, Tra Cu district, Tra Vinh Province. However, while acknowledging the dead ducks, provincial health authorities stated to ConGen Staff that they could not yet confirm positive test results for H5N1. Tra Vinh, located in the Mekong Delta approximately 200 kilometers south of Ho Chi Minh City, recently experienced flooding from heavy rains.

The Tra Vinh Department of Animal Health reported the deaths of at least 5 ducks among an unvaccinated flock of 300 birds at one farm, though ConGen Ho Chi Minh City has learned of unconfirmed reports of a wider outbreak. Officials then culled the entire flock, which had been purchased from various sources. The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development subsequently dispatched an investigation team to the area. Various sources, including the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization, have not reported any cases of humans suspected of infection with the H5N1 virus.

2. (SBU) USAID is currently implementing an animal sector avian influenza project in the Tra Cu district. The closest CDC/HHS-supported MOH sentinel surveillance site for human influenza is in Cai Be District Hospital in Tien Giang Province, about 50 km

north of Tra Cu district. Both agencies are monitoring the situation with respective implementing partners.

¶3. (SBU) The GVN recently initiated its second mass animal vaccination campaign, currently underway in 20 of 64 provinces. To date, authorities have vaccinated 38.8 million birds (22 million chickens and 16.8 million ducks). In the first vaccination campaign, conducted between March and May of this year, the GVN vaccinated 164 million animals (Reftel).

¶4. (U) The best Internet sources of in-country, public domain, up-to-date information are

<http://www.fao.org.vn/new1.pdf>
<http://www.cucthuy.gov.vn>

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